

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were presented, examined, and stand rejected. In response to the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15 and 17 are amended and Claims 4, 7, 10 and 16 are cancelled. No claims are added. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-15 and 17-20 remain in the application.

Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,917,373 issued to Vong (“Vong”) in view of Norton AntiVirus Gold 5.0, Feb. 1999, PC Update, pages 1-3 and Figs. 1-9 (“Norton”).

Applicants amend Claim 1 to include the elements of “receiving an activation of a virus indicator button on the exterior panels, the virus indicator button being a physical button dedicated to indicate a virus status of the computing device” and “triggering anti-virus operations in response to the activation.” Applicants submit that Vong in view of Norton does not teach or suggest these elements.

Neither of the cited references discloses the recited virus indicator button on the exterior panels enclosing a computing device, the virus indicator button dedicated to indicate a virus status of the computing device. The disclosure of Vong is completely unrelated to the virus status of a computing device. Norton discloses a graphical button “scan now” on a display screen (Figure 7). However, a display screen is not the recited exterior panels that enclose a computing device. The graphical button of Norton is a rendered image and is not a physical button dedicated to indicate a virus status of the computing device. Thus, Vong in view of Norton does not teach or suggest each of the elements of amended Claim 1.

Analogous discussions apply to independent Claims 9 and 15, which are amended to include analogous elements. Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, Vong in view Norton does not teach or suggest each of the elements of independent Claims 1, 9 and 15, as well as their respective dependent claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-20 is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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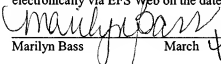
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